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REPORTS OF THE SELECTMEN AND TREASURER.

The Selectmen and Treasurer of the town of New Boston submit the following statements of receipts and disbursements for the year ending March 1, 1874:

RECEIPTS.

Amount of taxes assessed	\$10,216 26	
Savings bank tax	1,998 34	
Literary fund	108 24	
Railroad tax	77 60	
Insurance tax	22 50	
Dog tax	60 00	
For use of Town House	20 00	
Savings bank tax, city of Manchester, for 1867 and 1868	64 82	
From State bounty claims	33 60	
B. Dodge & Co., over-pay on pauper bill in 1872	6 95	
E. L. Bartlett, over-pay for witness	1 13	
Interest on taxes for 1872, \$42.59; for 1873, \$12	54 59	
For old lumber, &c., accumulated in re- pairing Town House	19 81	
	<hr/>	\$12,683 85
Received of Benjamin Colby, note and in- terest		638 19
Money hired in the year 1873		54 28
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		\$13,376 32
Money and taxes reported in the Treasur- er and Collector's hands Mar. 1, 1873		3,532 83
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		\$16,909 15

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid State tax	\$2,778 00
County tax	917 22
School house tax in District No. 4	70 00
“ “ “ 9	25 00
“ “ “ 11	120 00
“ “ “ 14	20 00
“ “ “ 16	100 00
	<hr/> \$4,030 22

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid District No. 1	\$34 19
District No. 2	105 85
District No. 3	61 24
District No. 4	125 04
District No. 5	80 83
District No. 6	128 20
District No. 7	87 92
District No. 8	480 65
District No. 9	92 68
District No. 10	57 35
District No. 11	102 85
District No. 12	45 94
District No. 13	111 92
District No. 14	60 07
District No. 15	72 67
District No. 16	143 34
District No. 17	32 95
	<hr/> \$1,823 73

BREAKING OUT HIGHWAYS.

Paid Amos T. Lull, 286 hours in Dist. No. 32	\$44 67
Robert B. Kelso, 128 “ “ 6	21 33
Samuel Brown, 18 “ “ 11	3 00
Joseph A. Leach, 193 $\frac{1}{2}$ “ 8	32 25
Elisha Wheeler, 87 “ “ 30	14 50
Daniel Gregg, 205 $\frac{1}{2}$ “ “ 33	34 24
Parker B. Wilson, 60 “ “ 43	10 00

Paid John B. Holt, 42 hours in Dist. No.	6	\$7 00
Lyman Marden, 40	" 12	6 67
George H. Wilson, 301	" 26	40 17
Richard Batten, Jr., 183	" 21	30 50
George W. Scruton, 123 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 25	20 58
George A. Prince, 133 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 14	22 25
Benjamin F. Baker, 171 $\frac{3}{4}$	" 3	28 61
William Wilson, 57	" 7	9 50
Zachariah Morgan, 68	" 22	11 48
Stephen Burnham, 99 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 17	16 58
Andrew C. Wilson, 209 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 31	34 89
Alfred W. Read, 141	" 14	23 57
Jacob Langdell, 83	" 44	13 84
Greenville Parker, 128 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 1	21 40
Ira Gage, 79 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 17	13 24
James McCurdy, 76	" 7	12 67
Emerson Johonnett, 74	" 35	12 33
Hiram R. Lull, 158 $\frac{1}{3}$	" 34	26 38
James B. Whipple, 40	" 11	6 67
Charles F. Dodge, 150	" 27	25 00
Ira M. Buxton, 68 $\frac{3}{4}$	" 25	11 44
Luke S. Lynch, 597	" 16	99 48
Alfred M. Campbell, 82	" 3	13 67
Andrew J. Bennett, 163 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 23	27 25
Clark B. Cochran, 642 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 4	107 08
Benjamin Stanley, 12	" 42	2 00
Almus Smith, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 29	2 92
Jonathan Marden, 44 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 10	7 42
Wm. E. Adams, 253,	" 20	42 14
Daniel Vose, 145	" 5	24 18
Thomas M. Hooper, 62	" 18	10 33
Levi Hooper, 63 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 10	10 55
Joseph M. Orne, 60	" 28	10 00
David M. Brooks, 31 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 41	5 25
James P. Todd, 46	" 40	7 66
Perry Richards, 26	" 36	4 34
James M. Waldo, 68 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 24	11 49
Ezra L. Corliss, 30	" 44	5 00
John M. Holt, 165	" 2	27 50

Paid Eben L. Bartlett, 40 hours in Dist. No. 29	\$6 67
Jacob Bennett, 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " 23	3 74
David Marden, 177 $\frac{1}{8}$ " " 7	29 54
Wm. Woodbury, 71 " " 29, 30	11 85
Samuel Leach, 253 " " 4	42 19
Edwin Dodge, 82 " " 14	13 67
Roger H. Vose, 78 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " 5	13 07
David A. McCollom, 229 " 16	38 14
Charles Goodrich, 147 $\frac{1}{3}$ " 19	24 56
John F. Marden, 48 " 9	8 00
James C. Jones, 13 " 9	2 17
John P. Manning, 100 " 1	16 69
John H. Lamson, 33 " 10	5 50
Thomas R. Cochran, 64 " 9	10 67
John H. Gregg, 79, 1873 and 1874 31	13 17
—	\$1,222 65

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid George M. Shedd, Superintendent of Cemetery	\$22 50
George M. Shedd, for breaking roads to the tomb in 1873	7 80
For printing town accounts for 1872 and 1873	60 00
John Morgan for coats, caps, &c., for engine company	16 47
David M. Brooks, for taking care of engine	4 60
David Butterfield, damage to horse .	100 00
J. T. Woodbury, damage to horse .	10 00
Perry Richards, for sheep killed by dogs in 1872	15 00
Benj. Colby, for sheep killed by dogs in 1872	7 00
G. E. Cochran, for services as Moderator in 1873	4 00
Mrs. Alice Blood, for damage caused by the highway being blocked with snow	10 00

Paid Tewksbury & Brother for books and stationery for 1873	\$11 25
H. J. Young for board of Selectmen and employes on Town House in 1873	54 95
N. P. Clark for recording births and deaths	7 25
N. P. Clark for vaccination	7 50
Daniel B. Lovering for wood for Town House	5 00
Engine company	54 00
N. & R. McLane for lumber for cemetery	75
George W. Muzzey damage on highway	10 00
James M. Douglas for sawing wood for Town House	1 50
E. L. Bartlett for services and money paid out on North Road	700 00
E. Warren blacksmith bill	2 37
Sidney Hills for ringing bell in 1873	12 00
J. M. Holt for services as Selectman from March 1st to March 11th 1873	6 00
Alfred M. Campbell for services as Selectman from March 1st to March 11th, 1873	4 00
Wm. Orne for services as Selectman from March 1st to March 11th, 1873	4 00
J. M. Holt for money paid out for stationery and for board while taking invoice	5 50
Mrs. McNeil for board of Selectmen	4 00
Benj. Colby for sheep killed by dogs	35 31
Jesse Christie " "	17 64
George B. Fuller " "	8 82
Daniel G. Smith " "	8 82

C. W. P. Read	"	"	8 82
Caleb F. Farley	"	"	3 53

———— \$1,235 88

PAID FOR REPAIRING ROADS AND BRIDGES.

I. M. Buxton repairing bridge in Dist No. 25			\$50 00
D. M. Brooks, labor on road	"	" 41	15 83
W. H. Bessom,	"	" " 8	6 00
J. N. Dodge,	"	" " 40	3 35
J. J. Woodbury,	"	" " 22	16 60
B. Hopkins, planing and matching boards for Hutchinson Bridge			12 00
John Whipple, for chestnut posts			3 67
" " " two days labor			4 00
" " " spikes			45
Charles F. Dodge, labor on road in District No. 27			12 33
Almus Smith, 2,168 ft chestnut plank for Good- win Bridge			54 20
Almus Smith, bolts for Goodwin Bridge			7 08
Almus Smith, spikes for Goodwin Bridge			3 32
Almus Smith, labor on Goodwin Bridge			24 00
Atwood & Kelso, paint for Gregg Bridge			7 78
" " for posts and labor setting for railing			10 00
Jacob Bennett, labor on road in District No. 23			19 37
J. H. Johonnett, drawing lumber for Hutchin- son Bridge			9 00
Alfred W. Read, labor on road a District No. 16			3 00
John M. Holt, 2,100 ft. of boards and joist for Hutchinson Bridge			31 50
John M. Holt, three days labor on Hutchinson Bridge			5 00
John M. Holt, one day's labor on bridge near D. Gregg's mill			2 50
John M. Holt, one day's labor on Gage Bridge			2 50
Fred Sherrer,	"	" " " 2 00	
" two days' "	"	" " "	4 00

Alfred M. Campbell, 275 ft. hemlock plank for bridge near his mill and putting them on .	3	57
John M. Holt, 384 ft oak plank for bridges .	7	68
George McLane, painting Hutchinson Bridge .	5	00
Almus Smith, labor on road in District No. 32	18	00
Roger H. Vose " " " " 5	8	12
Levi Hooper, " " " " 10	1	75
J. M. Orne, " " " " 28	1	00
J. P. Todd, " " " " 41	4	07
J. M. Waldo, " " " " 24	22	58
Allen Hopkins, " " " " 35	28	17
" plank for How Bridge .	15	00
" drawing plank for How Bridge	50	
" spikes " "	24	
John M. Holt, labor on road in Dist. No. 2 and 9	5	00
" 67 ft. plank for " 9	87	
William Orne, labor on road " 40	5	00
Albert Goodwin, one day's labor on Gage Bridge	2	50
D. A. McCollom, labor on road in Dist No. 16	24	46
William Orne, removing ice from River Road .	14	00
J. E. King, lumber, labor and board of help for Gage Bridge	62	81
Dodge & Warren, nails for Hutchinson Bridge	2	52
Jonathan Marden, labor on road in Dist. No. 10	2	33
Perry Richards, plank for How Bridge .	8	40
John P. Manning, labor on road in Dist. No. 1	4	45
	—	\$557 50

TOWN HOUSE.

Paid John B. Colby ten days' on stone work .	\$26	00
John Gregg, Jr., for columns and lum- ber	21	21
John Gregg, Jr. 17 days labor	34	00
E. L. Rand, for tin work on cupola .	2	52
Sullivan Brothers, stove, zinc and pipe .	18	64
Eben Dodge, drawing stone	4	00
James M. Douglas, 2½ days	5	00
J. M. Holt, 1,425 ft. chestnut, pine and bass boards	28	50

Paid J. M. Holt, money paid out for mouldings, sawing and plaining	\$16 19
J. M. Holt, thirty-nine days' labor	97 50
Alonzo Blood, $4\frac{1}{4}$ days	8 50
John E. Bennett, settees :	75 00
Jacob Bennett, $5\frac{1}{2}$ days	15 12
John H. Johonnett, drawing lumber	3 00
Fred. Shearer, two days	4 00
A. J. Bennett, $7\frac{3}{4}$ days	23 25
“ “ stock furnished	4 25
George W. McLane, labor and stock	19 00
Atwood & Kelso, hardware, paints and lime	36 82
D N. Butterfield, hard pine boards and clapboards	45 09
Dodge & Warren, for hardware	4 68
N. & R. McLane, lumber	2 91
Albert Goodwin, 2 days	5 00
James Averill, 2 days	3 33
	— \$503 51

PAID FOR TOWN PAUPERS.

County of Hillsborough for board of G. Pea- body and James Taggart	\$153 13
Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey, for the support of her- self and family	128 39
A. F. Carr for medical attendance of Bailey child	20 00
N. P. Clark, for medical attendance of Bailey family	10 00
	— \$158 39
A. F. Carr, medical attendance of Mrs. Dana	\$14 00
Cyrus George, for board of “	44 00
	— \$58 00
A. F. Carr, medical attendance of Miss Eliza- beth Campbell in 1871	6 00
A. F. Carr, surgical attendance of Mrs. Brown in 1873	8 00
	— \$14 00

To City of Concord, for wood for Mrs. Ziba Caldwell in 1872 and 1873	\$6 00	
To city of Manchester, medical attendance and funeral expenses of Joshua Rogers	48 00	
Dodge & Warren, for goods for Robert Brown	11 54	
B. Dodge & Co., goods for Mrs. G. Peabody in 1872	11 17	
Mrs. Wm. Towns, for board of Peabody child	63 00	
Dr. Little, medical attendance of " "	17 75	
	<hr/>	\$80 75
E. A. Leach, for board and clothes for Thomas Shepard from March 1st, 1873 to March 1st 1874	115 92	
		\$656 90

SMALL POX.

Paid Wm. Brown, for burying Seavey girl	\$40 00	
Nelson N. Philbrick, goods for Seavey family	20 41	
J. R. Weigh, ditto	28 81	
N. P. Clark, medical attendance upon Seavey family	4 00	
S. H. & T. B. Dearborn, ditto	180 50	
J. E. King, two days to Milford, and meat and milk	7 87	
D. N. Butterfield, box for Seavey girl	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$283 59

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

William Boyd for 1872	\$1 54
William Warren "	1 54
Franklin Brown "	1 45
Sumner French "	2 72
Lewis Wells "	1 45
Godfrey Johonnett "	3 45
Charles Senter "	1 45
Wm. Butterfield, 2d "	1 45
Hammon Woodbury,	1 45

J. M. Coburn, over-tax for 1872 and 1873	.	.	\$11 04
Robert B. Cochran	"	"	7 27
Ira M. Buxton	"	"	4 02
Heirs of Daniel Dodge	"	"	7 00
Sumner French	"	"	3 17
Mrs. George G. Fox	"	"	7 00
Robert Brown	"	"	3 50
Stephen Burnham, poll tax for 1873	.	.	1 75
Lucian N. Farley	"	"	1 75
John Doyle	"	"	1 75
Hiram B. Archer	"	"	1 75
Charles E. Richaadson	"	"	1 75
Daniel G. Gallagher	"	"	1 75
Eliphalet Hunt	"	"	1 75
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			\$71 75

TOWN OF NEW BOSTON TO CLARENCE H. DODGE,

Dr.

To services as Town Clerk :			
Town meeting March 11 and 12	.	.	\$4 00
" " May 31 and Oct. 1	.	.	1 50
Recording births	.	.	4 50
" deaths	.	.	2 00
Drawing and notifying jurors	.	.	6 50
Postage and stationery	.	.	1 00
Recording town business	.	.	15 00
" marriages	.	.	1 00
Paid Dr. Carr for certificates	.	.	50
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			\$36 00

Received payment,
CLARENCE H. DODGE.

TOWN OF NEW BOSTON TO JOHN M. HOLT.

Dr.

To services as Selectman for the year ending March 1, 1874 :
1873.

March 13,	To $\frac{1}{2}$ day returning check-list . . .	\$1 00
24,	1 day at school dists. 5 and 16 . . .	2 00
26,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day calling a hearing at 16 . . .	1 00
27,	1 day at Manchester . . .	2 00
April 12,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at hearing at No. 16 . . .	1 00
20,	13 $\frac{1}{2}$ days taxing invoice and making taxes . . .	27 00
28,	1 day distributing highway warrants . . .	2 00
May 3,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Town House . . .	1 00
6,	1 day at court at Amherst . . .	2 00
13,	1 day making for town meeting . . .	2 00
14,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Manchester for south road . . .	1 00
23,	1 day at Town House and pa- per mill . . .	2 00
24,	11 $\frac{1}{2}$ days filling out Collector's book . . .	3 00
26,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day appointing highway sur- veyors . . .	1 00
30,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day appointing Collector . . .	1 00
31,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Town House . . .	1 00
June 7,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Town House . . .	1 00
19,	3 days recording invoice . . .	6 00
July 26,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Goodwin bridge . . .	1 00
28,	1 day at Francestown . . .	3 00
August 4,	1 day at Weare . . .	2 00
25,	1 day examining bridges . . .	2 00
Sept. 4,	1 day at court at Nashua . . .	4 50
Oct. 1,	1 day at Gage and Goodwin bridges. . .	2 00
10,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Town House . . .	1 00

Oct. 13,	1 day at Manchester to pay county bills	\$2 00	
Nov. 22.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Town House	1 00	
Dec. 1,	1 day at Concord to pay State tax	4 50	
6,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Town House	1 00	
13,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Town House, draw. ing jurors	1 00	
26,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Town House, revising jury box	1 00	
Jan. 3,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Town House,	1 00	
8,	1 day at Court at Manchester,	2 00	
Feb. 26,	9 days Settling and preparing town accounts for printing and making warrant	18 00	
26,	3 days Overseer of the Poor	6 00	
			<hr/> \$110 00

Received payment by order on Treasurer.

JOHN M. HOLT.

TOWN OF NEW BOSTON TO WILLIAM ORNE.

Dr.

To services as Selectman for the year ending March 1, 1874.
1873.

March 13,	To $\frac{1}{2}$ day at Town House	\$1 00
April 12,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at hearing in school district No. 16	1 00
20,	13 $\frac{1}{2}$ days taking invoice and making taxes	27 00
28,	1 day distributing highway warrants	2 00
May 3,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Town House	1 00
13,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Paper Mill Village	1 00
14, 15,	2 days looking after help for Seavey family	4 00
31,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Town House	1 00
June 7,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day making division of school money	1 00
Oct. 11,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Town House	1 00
Nov. 22,	" "	1 00
Dec. 6,	" "	1 00
13,	" "	1 00
26,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day revising jury box	1 0

1874.

Feb. 26, 9 days settling and preparing town accounts for printing 18 00

Received payment by order on Treasurer,

WILLIAM ORNE,

TOWN OF NEW BOSTON TO GEORGE LANGDELL.

Dr.

To services as Selectman for the year ending March 1, 1874 :
1873.

March 13,	To $\frac{1}{2}$ day at Town House. . . .	\$1 00	
April 12,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at school house in Dist. No. 16	1 00	
20,	$13\frac{1}{2}$ days taking invoice and making taxes	27 00	
26,	1 day distributing highway war- rants	2 00	
May 3,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Town House	1 00	
31,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Town House	1 00	
June 7,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Town House	1 00	
Nov. 22,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Town House	1 00	
Dec. 6,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Town House	1 00	
13,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Town House	1 00	
26,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at revising jury box . .	1 00	
Feb. 26,	8 days settling and preparing town accounts for printing	16 00	
			<u>\$54 00</u>

Received Payment by order on Treasurer,

GEORGE LANGDELL.

PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

C. H. Dodge, Town Clerk,	\$36 00	
James Averill, Treasurer,	70 00	
George Langdell, Collector of taxes	94 00	
George E. Cochran, Superintending Schol Committee	100 00	
John M. Holt, Selectman	110 00	
William Orne, "	62 00	
George Langdell "	54 00	
		<u>\$526 00</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts, \$16,909 15

DISBURSEMENTS.

State, county and school house tax,	\$4,030 22
For the support of schools,	1,823 73
Breaking roads,	1,222 65
Miscellaneous expenses	1,235 88
Road and bridges,	557 50
Town House,	503 51
Town paupers,	656 90
Small pox,	283 59
Abatement of taxes,	71 75
Paid notes and interest,	771 88
Town officers,	526 00
Non-resident highway receipts,	91 41
	<hr/> \$11,775 02

Balance in favor of town, \$5,134 13

Tax in Collector's hands not collected,	\$2,085 11
Money in Treasurer's hands,	2,980 72
	<hr/> \$5,065 83
Estimated amount of outstanding orders	68 30
	<hr/> \$5,134 13

Notes and interest against the town March 1, 1874, \$14,296 11

Money in Collector's and Treasurer's hands	\$5,065 83
Note and interest due the town,	126 65
	<hr/> \$5,192 48

Town debt over and above assets \$9,103 63

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. HOLT,
WILLIAM ORNE,
GEORGE LANGDELL.
Selectmen of New Boston.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

NEW BOSTON CEMETERY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1874.

Fellow Citizens :

During the year now closing our cemetery grounds have changed but very little in those improvements that their beauty and convenience demand. Some labor has been contributed, which was laid out towards the completion of the road around the old cemetery, and we notice a commendable progress in the improvement of private lots and the erection of monuments. We have called your attention heretofore to the measures that depend upon your contributory labor, that we would like to improve and adorn the cemetery, and they are so prominent to your personal observation whenever you may visit the ground, that we refrain from reiterating them now. Recognizing a kind Providence in the general good health we have enjoyed as a community in the past year, we will trust with confidence for the future. Annexed is the record of interments, removals, &c., as reported to us by G. M. Shedd, Superintendent of the cemetery :

	INTERMENTS.	AGES.	PLACES.
May 1, 1873.	Mrs. Mary Herrick,	78 years.	Public Lot.
1,	Rev. John Atwood,	78 "	Old Cemetery.
16,	Mrs. Wm. Parker,	81 "	Old Cemetery.
17,	Peter Jones,	80 "	Old Cemetery.
27,	William Whittemore,	73 "	Lot No. 59.
June 8,	Dea. Sumner L. Christy	66 "	Old Cemetery.
20,	Mrs. H. F. Warren,	23 "	Lot No. 11.
27,	Mrs. David Lull,	88 "	Old Cemetery.
July 6,	Mrs. Achsah Dodge,	77 "	Lot No. 37.
8,	Mrs. Sam'l Parker, Nashua,	69 "	Old Cemetery.

Aug 25,	Child of Charles E. Farley, 11 months.	Lot No. 23.
Sept 12,	John Hills, 76 years.	Old Cemetery.
22,	Child of E. C. Colby, Manchester, 4 years,	Lot No. 59.
Oct. 10,	John K. Christy, 64 years,	Lot No. 45.
Nov. 6,	Earnest A. Dodge, 24 "	Lot No. 20.

DEPOSITS IN THE RECEIVING TOMB.

	NAME.	AGE.
Mar. 10, 1873,	Mrs. Moses Towns,	67 years
28,	Infant child of J. P. Todd,	
April 2,	Two children of James Walker of Goffstown.	
2,	Infant child of H. F. Warren.	
2,	Child of David S. Todd,	1yr., 3m.
22,	Child of Hiram Wilson.	
Dec.	Child of W. W. Wheeler,	6m.
Jan. 15, 1874,	Infant child of Almus Burnham.	

REMOVALS.

Mrs. Moses Towns,	from receiving tomb to Public Lot.
Infant child of J. P. Todd,	from receiving tomb to Old Cemetery.
Two children of J. Walker of Goffstown,	from receiving tomb to Lot 41.
Infant child of H. F. Warren,	" " Lot 11.
Child of David S. Todd,	" " Old Cemetery.
Child of Hiram Wilson	" " Lot 26.
Samuel Jones,	" " Lot 22.
Mrs. Charles W. Dodge,	" " Lot 44.
Aaron White,	" " Old Cemetery.
Mrs. Rodney McCollom,	" " "
Mrs. Thomas Averill,	" " "
Samuel Putnam,	" " "
Mrs. Mary R. Jones,	" " "
Child of George H. Chandler,	" " Lot 12.
Three children of Waterman Burr,	from Old Cemetery to Lot 22.

DANIEL CAMPBELL,
 NEIL McLANE,
 GEORGE E. WASON,
 SAMUEL M. CHRISTIE,
 SOLOMON D. ATWOOD,
Trustees of New Boston Cemetery.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Juvenal compared the Roman teacher, worn out with the constant repetition of the same thoughts, to a "hashed cabbage which was neither savory nor nutritious." We think school reports would have shared with teachers in the happy comparison, had the prevailing system been that of the past. For the usual remarks upon "reform," "qualification of teachers," "prudential committees," and the "closing hints," I refer the reader to past reports, fully satisfied that their omission for one year will not prove disastrous to the cause of education.

To parents I would say: In the noble work of education *you* are the most potent agency. The future improvement of our schools depends largely upon your interest in their welfare; upon your presence in the school room, and your words of encouragement, rebuke and counsel. I now pass to a brief review of the schools for the year, by districts, firm in the belief that the whole plan is unproductive of good. Teachers are not infallible; some are progressive, imbued with the "spirit of the age," and alive to its exigencies; others, commencing with a small capital of cheap wares, must soon replenish, or retire before the march of improvement. Is it always judicious to extol the one class, and apply the lash to the other, in a public manner?

DISTRICT No. 1.

United with district in Amherst for school purposes. Indebted to S. S. Committee of Amherst for items. Length of school in weeks, 34; number of scholars from New Boston, 4.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Agent, James M. Tuttle. Summer Term, Miss Flora Gregg, teacher. Miss Gregg possesses a happy combination of those qualities which constitute a successful teacher. In manner and method her teaching received the warmest encomiums of parents, committee and pupils.

Winter Term, Miss Mary E. Tuttle, teacher. This school maintained its high character for excellence. Miss Tuttle was earnest and active—comprehending the wants of the school, she gained well-merited success.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Agent, R. H. Vose. One term of school. Miss Lucy S. Stiles, teacher. This was an exceedingly profitable term to the pupils, and pleasant to the teacher. Miss Stiles makes her presence *felt* and *appreciated* in the school-room. Her scholars had no mistaken views of their obligations and opportunities, and at the close of the school were entitled to share with their teacher the credit won by the school.

DISTRICT No 4.

Agent, David Marden. Summer Term, Miss Mary E. Tuttle teacher. This is one of the largest and most interesting schools in town. The teacher, from previous acquaintance with the school, was enabled to make each day count to the advancement of her charge. At examination the evidences of a profitable and pleasant term abounded.

Winter Term, Miss Emma J. Wallace, teacher. Miss Wallace is an experienced teacher—having ability to instruct, and power to manage—never sacrificing thoroughness to speed; devoted to system, self-reliant and industrious. Her scholars are not only taught the method but the “reason why.” The closing exercises of the school, including a presentation of a token of remembrance from pupils to teacher, were of a character calculated to win the approval of the large number present.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Agent, Geo. B. Fuller. One term of school. Miss Ella J. Topliff, teacher. The general deportment of this school was good, and at its close we were satisfied with *everything*—except the school-house.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Agent, Luke S. Lynch. Teacher for both terms, Miss Helen A. Kelso. Miss Kelso was firm, fearless and patient in management, thorough and comprehensive in instruction. Encouraged and assisted by parents, good attendance, good order and good progress combined to make both terms alike successful.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Agent, Hiram L. Wilson. Both terms were taught by Mrs. Luella J. Merrill. A very interesting and successful school. Mrs. Merrill won the respect and love of her scholars by her firm yet gentle manner. Better results not often attained in two short terms.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Agent, Elbridge C. Colby. Lower School, Summer Term, Miss Sarah E. McLane, teacher. There is no question about this being a *live* school. Miss McLane worked earnestly for the good of the "little folks" and in giving proper direction to their enthusiasm, introduced the "branch of birch" with marked effect. Great progress was not expected of such small scholars, yet the condition of the school at its close showed a decided improvement in discipline, and advancement in studies.

Upper School. Teacher, Miss Nettie Fairfield. This school appeared industrious, and made fair progress in the various branches. Miss Fairfield is a teacher of acknowledged scholarship and success. The number of scholars attending school during the summer in this district is less than forty. Is the employment of two teachers a *necessity* or a *custom*?

Lower school, Winter Term. Teacher, Miss Sarah L. Cochrane. *Supposing* this to be Miss Cochrane's first experience in the school, from the unanswered question in her register, "How many terms has the teacher taught in the district before this term," we think the scholars made a grand advance up the "hill of science." The teacher's modes of illustration were felicitous. The scholars, bright and active, exhibiting a lively interest in the exercises. At the close of the school, spirited declamations, interesting dialogues, and various miscellaneous exercises enlivened the occasion. Parental visits and efforts to secure a regular attendance contribute much to the character of this school.

Upper school, Winter Term. Teacher, Mr. F. F. Foster. Mr. Foster's method of instruction is *prima facie* evidence that he believes the world advances, and the "times demand new measures." We think his test of scholarship is the ability to evolve principles, and wield facts, rather than the number of facts crowded into the mind. At examination the exercises were interesting, and conducted in a novel manner, affording proof of thorough instruction and decided improvement in most of the branches studied.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Agent, Almus Warren. Summer Term, Miss Minnie L. Burnham, teacher. This school ranks well in scholarship, considering the age of its scholars, and appeared quiet and industrious at each visit.

Winter Term, Miss Julinna Rowe, teacher. Miss Rowe, aided by previous experience in this school, succeeded in making it a satisfactory term, so far as we could learn.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Agent, E. Johonnett. Teacher, Miss Emma L. Jones. This district is united with district at Parker's, for school purposes.

Three scholars from New Boston. Visited this school but once and cannot report its progress.

DISTRICT No. 11

Agent, Joseph M. Andrews. Summer Term, Miss Emma E. Lawrence, teacher. The pupils made good improvement in their studies. *Some* manifested too much uneasiness, and their manner of answering in recitation did not indicate proper respect for their teacher.

Winter Term, Miss Lydia W. Dodge. This school, with an increased number of scholars improved in deportment, gained in knowledge and reflected credit upon teacher, pupils and district.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Agent, S. Manning. Summer Term, Miss Fannie C. Goodhue, teacher. Winter Term, Miss Emeline Spaulding, teacher. Both terms were in charge of energetic and experienced teachers. At each visit a deep interest was manifested in the various exercises. Through faithfulness of teachers and application of scholars, the most satisfactory results were secured.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Agent, Ezra Corliss. Summer Term, Hattie R. Woodbury, teacher. We think Miss Woodbury fortunate in beginning her labors as teacher in a school sufficiently large to call every energy into action. Examination showed satisfactory progress.

Winter Term, Miss Martha R. Wilder, teacher. The results of this term were foretold in the engagement of Miss Wilder. As a

teacher she has few equals and no superiors. Interesting others by being interested herself, her efforts were appreciated by the pupils. Excellence in discipline and progress in scholarship noticeable features of the school.

DISTRICT No. 14.

Agent, Ira M. Buxton. Summer Term, Miss Dora E. Balch, teacher. This school is small, term short and teacher inexperienced. Should think fair progress was made in studies. To expect much enthusiasm under such circumstances is suggestive of a "tempest in a tea-pot."

Winter Term, Miss Laura A. Read, teacher. This school was reinforced from surrounding towns, and progressed rapidly in the studies pursued. The closing exercises were pleasant and instructive.

DISTRICT No. 15.

Agent, Alvaro L. Hadley. Summer Term, Etta V. Woodbury, teacher. A small school, well-sustained by the district. The progress made under the instruction of Miss Woodbury was commendable. Good order prevailed.

Fall Term, Miss Ida J. Giddings, teacher. The teacher seemed heartily engaged in her work, scholars diligent. The scholars of this district labor under one great disadvantage: short schools. Taking this into consideration, the school compares favorably with others.

DISTRICT No. 16.

Agent, David Tewksbury. Summer Term, Miss Nettie M. Tewksbury, teacher. Judging from the appearance of the school, Miss Tewksbury was successful in her trust. A large proportion of the scholars were small.

The interest felt by the people of this district in its schools was manifested by the large attendance at examination.

Winter Term. Miss Mary Lufkin, teacher. This experienced teacher exhibited a praise-worthy interest in her school. A good degree of proficiency was noticable at its close.

DISTRICT No. 17.

United with No. 14 in Weare, for school purposes. Facts obtained from S. S. Committee of Weare as follows:

Summer Term, Miss Josie Pettee, teacher. Winter Term, Mr. Alvin Hadley, teacher. Schools pronounced satisfactory.

No. of scholars from New Boston: Summer, 3, Winter, 6.

Until a change occurs in "human nature" or the "district system," we shall look for no *radical change* in the condition of the schools in this town. To suppose each of the seventeen districts will, at one time, employ a teacher of the highest order of merit, is as unreasonable as to suppose the educational interest is deserving of such a teacher.

Collectively considered, the schools of the past year have been prosperous. Teachers have been able, earnest and faithful; scholars diligent and orderly; while the intelligent co-operation of parents has contributed largely to results both decided and gratifying.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. COCHRANE,

S. S. Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

DISTRICTS.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Money assigned.	Wages per month including board.	Length of school in weeks.	Whole number of scholars.	Average attendance.
No. 1	.....	\$34 19	.....	.....	4	.....
No. 2	Flora Gregg.....	105 85	\$28 00	10	9	8
	Mary E. Tuttle.....	.....	28 00	11	9	8
No. 3	Lucy S. Stiles.....	61 24	24 00	10	11	9
No. 4	Mary E. Tuttle.....	125 04	24 00	9	15	13
	Emma J. Wallace.....	.....	30 00	10	17	14
No. 5	Ella J. Topliff.....	80 83	23 00	14	12	10
No. 6	Helen A. Kelso.....	128 20	23 00	8	13	12
	Helen A. Kelso.....	.....	28 00	8	18	16
No. 7	Mrs. Luella J. Merrill.....	87 92	28 00	8	11	10
	Mrs. Luella J. Merrill.....	.....	28 00	9	10	8
No. 8	Sarah E. McLane.....	480 65	24 00	14	27	20
	Nettie Fairfield.....	.....	36 00	14	13	11
	Sarah L. Cochrane.....	.....	36 00	13	32	25
	Mr. F. F. Foster.....	.....	55 00	12	26	23
No. 9	Minnie L. Burnham.....	92 68	21 00	6	8	7
	Julina Rowe.....	.....	30 00	11	13	12
No. 10	.....	57 35	.....	.....	3	.....
No. 11	Emma E. Lawrence.....	102 89	22 00	8	7	6
	Lydia W. Dodge.....	.....	28 00	12	18	16
No. 12	Fannie C. Goodhue.....	45 94	22 00	8	3	3
	Emeline Spalding.....	.....	24 00	12	3	3
No. 13	Hattie R. Woodbury.....	111 92	22 00	9	13	11
	Martha R. Wilder.....	.....	33 00	11	19	17
No. 14	Dora E. Balch.....	60 07	20 00	7	3	3
	Laura A. Read.....	.....	24 00	8	6	5
No. 15	Etta V. Woodbury.....	72 67	20 00	9	6	5
	Ida J. Giddings.....	.....	20 00	9	7	6
No. 16	Nettie M. Tewksbury.....	143 34	26 00	10	12	10
	Mary M. Lufkin.....	30 00	10	20	16
No. 17	32 95	6
		\$1,823 73				

NOTE.—Board counted \$2 per week in teachers' wages.



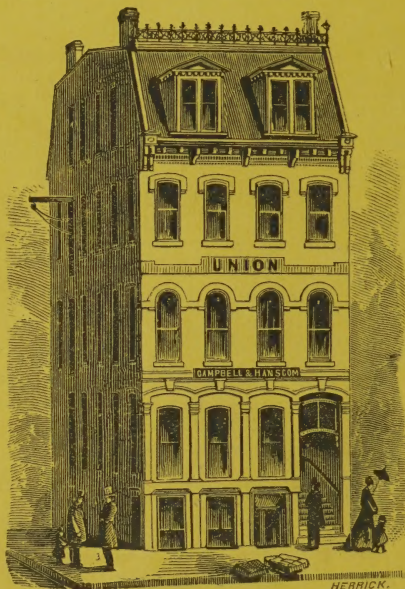
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